

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 9, 2008 to December 9, 2008

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Valley Proteins, Inc.; 151 Val-Pro Drive, Winchester, GW0047500

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Valley Proteins Inc. – Emporia Division; 25170 Val-Pro Drive, Emporia

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Valley Proteins, Inc. has applied for reissuance of a permit for their rendering facility in Emporia, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 27,671 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a potable water supply, process water, cooling water and equipment and facility wash down water for the Emporia processing plant. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Potomac aquifer at a depth between 110 feet to 180 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Rachel Borum; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA, 23462; Phone: (757) 518-2145; E-mail: rcborum@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: (757) 518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.